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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ganesan et al. : Expected Group Art Unit: 3624

Rule 53(b) Continuation of

Serial No: 09/301,068, filed : Expected Examiner: C. Kyle

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For: AN ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT TECHNIQUE WITH ENHANCE BILLER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is directed to the accompanying 37 CFR 1.53(b) application, which is a continuation of the above referenced application. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- 1) Amendment to the Title.
- 2) Amendment to the Specification and Abstract.
- 3) Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims.
- 4) Remarks.

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IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read:

ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT WITH CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO BILL AVAILABILITY INFORMATION